

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 9, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Kenneth Parrigin called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Coloma Charter Township Hall, Coloma, Michigan. Present for the Township: Supervisor Kenneth Parrigin, Clerk Debra Olsen, Treasurer Lance Becht, Trustees Edward Helbling, Brian Duffield, Cynthia Aviles and Robert Molter. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Parrigin.

CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer Becht presented the consent agenda. Treasurer Becht reported the finance committee met and approved bills totaling \$169,181.13. Moved by Treasurer Becht, seconded by Trustee Molter to approve the consent agenda and finance report. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. ONE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coloma Charter Township received a written request to consider a dial-a-ride program in Coloma and Watervliet Townships. The township can not afford such a program at this time. Trustee Aviles reported a county wide committee is looking into a public transportation system.

Clerk Olsen acknowledged the receipt of a thank you from the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee for its 2007 donation.

Dale Stover from the Coloma Hager Fire Department announced the fire board voted to approve applying for a DNR Volunteer Incentives Program Grant.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chana Kniebes from the CWAEDC reported on upcoming community events.

Trustee Molter reported the road committee is looking into paving Curtis and Douglas Drives.

Treasurer Becht reported the sewer board lost \$100,000.00 last year resulting in the raising of sewer rates.

Police Chief Cottier reported the police department purchased a new car. Jason Roe applied for and received a grant for \$12,000.00 - \$13,000.00 for thermal imaging equipment.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Engineer Granger announced Phase 3 water main construction has resumed. Lawn restoration is now being worked on. Mr. Granger presented Change Order #3 for \$844,478.00 and Change Order #4 for \$174,953.00. Costs higher than expected were incurred due to increased cost of asphalt and pipe.

Moved by Trustee Molter, seconded by Treasurer Becht to approve Change Order #3 in the amount of \$844,478.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: Helbling, yes; Molter, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Trustee Molter, seconded by Trustee Duffield to approve Change Order #4 in the amount of \$174,953.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: Molter, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Helbling, yes. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Engineer Granger announced well abandonment's and water service connections are out for bid. A special township board meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 16 to award the bids.

Supervisor Parrigin announced Karen Miller has decided not to retire. The board discussed moving ahead with the township manager position. Clerk Olsen will ask an executive search firm to attend the next meeting to present the process of searching for a township manager.

Supervisor Parrigin discussed the building repairs that need to be addressed. He has received numerous bids for the work that will need to be done.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

The township received information on a parcel of property that is being foreclosed on. The township has the option of purchasing the property. The board does not wish to purchase the property.

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The board received a Federal Surplus Assistance Program Resolution. The township must pass the resolution if they wish to purchase property that the federal government no longer needs.

Moved by Trustee Duffield, seconded by Trustee Aviles to approve the Federal Surplus Assistance Program Resolution. VOICE VOTE. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

The board received a police protection agreement for marine patrols on Paw Paw Lake. It is the boards understanding that the township must pass the agreement and will then be reimbursed the cost of the marine patrols from the Paw Paw Lake Association.

Moved by Trustee Aviles, seconded by Trustee Molter to approve the Berrien County Police Protection Agreement. VOICE VOTE. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The new owners of the Paw Paw Lake Motel introduced themselves to the board.

Moved by Supervisor Parrigin, seconded by Trustee Aviles the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Debra Olsen, Clerk

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Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

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Date Approved: